Proposal of setting up of Mini Refinery at Kharsang Oil Field in Arunachal Pradesh

1255. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a mini Refinery at Kharsang oil field Changland district of Arunachal Pradesh ;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up ;

(c) what will be the total estimated cost of the project;

(d) what will be the quantum of turn out of the refinery per annum; and

(e) whether Government are going to propose to pay royalty to the State Government as has been done in Assam and other States ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Royalty on crude oil produced on land is paid to the concerned State Government and this is being done in the case of Arunachal Pradesh also.

Installed capacity of mechanised paper industry and small scale paper units

1256. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the installed capacity of mechanised paper industry and small scale paper units in the country ;

(b) what proportion of the total installed capacity is still dependent on forest raw materials like bamboo and wood ;

(c) what is the status of units being set up by cooperatives based on non-conventional raw materials like bagasse, rice straw, grass, fast growing species of forest and raw materials from captive plantations; and

(d) whether there is any plan to give further fiscal incentives for paper manufacturing plants based on non-conventional raw material sources ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) The small and agro-based paper mills account for about 50% of the total installed capacity of 30.14 lakh tonnes for the manufacture of paper and paper board in the country.

(b) and (c) About 70% of the total installed capacity is still based on forest raw materials. However, paper mills are increasingly trying to use non-conventional raw materials.

(d) Formulation of policy measures for the growth of paper industry is a continuous process. Several policy measures for encouraging the use of non-conventional raw materials for the paper and paper board industry have been taken by the Government from time to time.

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1257. श्री चतुरानन मिश्र: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम ने उत्तरी कर्णपुरा ताप विद्युत परियोजना के संबंध में केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण और योजना आयोग के विचारार्थ अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है?